Title: Need to declare earthquake in Gujarat as a National Calamity-Laid.

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL (PATAN) : The earthquake in Gujarat State on 26.1.2001 has effected 8792 villages and nearly 2 crore people in the State. Correct figure of dead is still not known. Thousands are injured. Lakhs of houses have been destroyed or damaged. It has not been declared as 'National Calamity' on technical grounds. Gujarat calamity should be treated as 'National Calamity' and all help and assistance should be rendered to the needy people of Gujarat.